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## SHOT BY THE TOWN MARSHAL.

### CRUEL TREATMENT OF A POOR TRAMP AT WASHINGTON, MO.

### WAS SHIPPED TO ST. LOUIS.

Wounded While Warming Himself at a Campfire and Put in the Calaboose Without Medical Aid.

When the Missouri Pacific train from the West arrived at Union Station at 9 a.m. Friday, the train crew asked Patrolmen Little and Dixon to send for an ambulance.

When the ambulance arrived John Harris was carried out of the baggage car on a stretcher and conveyed to the City Dispensary. He was suffering from two scalp wounds and a bullet in the neck and another in the shoulder.

Notwithstanding the intense pain he suffered he was able to tell the story of how he was wounded. It shows how an arrogant town marshal became too quick with the trigger and then to shield himself shipped his victim out of town.

Harris, who is 26 years old, was a railroad switchman, but some time ago lost his job in the Western part of the State. With no money, no home and no relatives, he started to walk to St. Louis.

Thursday evening he stopped near Washington, Mo. It was an hour or two before Harris gathered a pile of wood and rubbish and started a fire near the railroad tracks.

He was seated near the blaze, watching the flames building air castles, when he was rudely aroused by some one who had approached from behind.

A hand was laid on his shoulder and he was jerked about with such violence that he fell to the ground from the log on which he had been sitting. He looked up to see the face of the Town Marshal, whom he later learned was N. Krekle.

He was ordered to extinguish the fire and get on away from there, and not to enter the town.

Harris started to explain that he built the fire to get warm, would see that no damage was done, and with the morning would start on his way to St. Louis.

His explanation was cut short. The Marshal drew his revolver and beat Harris on the head with the butt.

Harris jumped to his feet and ran, but had gone not more than five steps when the Marshal opened fire on him.

Harris fell with a bullet in his neck and one in his shoulder. The Marshal ran up to him and, holding the weapon over him, commanded him to get up and get out of there. Harris made an attempt to do so, but because he was slow Krekle kicked him in the side with heavy boots and knocked him down again. Then he swore at him because he was not several miles from there.

For a moment Harris lay still. The Marshal helped him to his feet and finding that he could stand alone compelled him to accompany him to the calaboose. But before starting the Marshal saw that his wounded prisoner was securely handcuffed.

Upon arriving at the lock-up Harris was thrown on the floor of a cell and the door was closed and locked.

There he lay bleeding until after midnight. No one came in to see him and although he cried aloud the best he could for assistance he saw no one until the Marshal opened the cell door and then it was the first hour of Friday.

Harris was lying in a pool of his own blood. The whole floor was covered with blood and his clothes had soaked up some of it. He was too weak from loss of blood to rise.

The Marshal thought he was lazy and beat a tattoo on the soles of the wounded man's feet with a club, but when that elicited a cry of pain the officer became alarmed and called in a physician.

The doctor said Harris' condition was most serious, that the wounds, with the loss of blood, were likely to cause death. The physician placed a temporary dressing on the wounds and then departed.

Marshal Krekle saw that he had a serious case on his hands and he decided to rid himself of it.

He told Harris he could receive much better medical attendance in the hospital at St. Louis.

He bought Harris a ticket to this city and placed 50 cents in his vest pocket. When the east-bound Missouri Pacific train arrived at 5 a.m. Marshal Krekle and one of his men carried Harris into the baggage car and, in giving the ticket to the conductor, told that official to call an ambulance for the man upon their arrival in St. Louis.

Harris was transferred to the City Hospital, where Dr. Sutter said his wounds were dangerous.

The police were notified of the story told by Harris and they instructed the hospital management to hold Harris until the man in which he was shot could be investigated.

## MR. BRYAN'S IDEAL.

### He Expects to Stand or Fall by His Ideas Rather Than His Oratory.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 15.—The following letter, in which Mr. Bryan replies to those who criticised his recent venture into the lecture field, is published with Mr. Bryan's consent:

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 8, 1897.—Mr. Hugh Middleton: Dear Sir—I read, a few days ago, an article which my old friend, Tom Cobb, wrote in my defense, and to-day I have seen your reply to some hostile criticisms. Great occasions do not come every day, and they cannot be manufactured. A speech should be judged by the circumstances which surround it, and by the purpose for which it is made. My Atlanta lecture, if delivered before the Chicago Convention, would have been a failure, but no more so, in my judgment, than my convention speech, had I delivered it as a lecture before my Atlanta audience. At Chicago my object was to answer the arguments which had been brought against our platform, and to impress upon the delegates the righteousness of our cause. At Atlanta, I desired to put as clearly and precisely as possible a few suggestions in regard to the Government, its uses and abuses.

The political friendships which I have formed have, as a rule, been with those who agree with me in purpose, rather than with those who praise the manner of my speeches. I may be at fault in not giving more attention to ornamentation, but each one has his ideals. The highest compliments paid to me, according to my estimate of compliments, have been paid by those who have become convinced by my argument, or who have been enabled to secure new arguments for their own use. If my visit to Atlanta resulted in making those present realize the duties of citizenship and awakened in them a keener interest in the affairs of Government, my lecture was a success. It would have been a failure, no matter how much applause I might have won, had I failed to impress them with the great importance of the ideas which I discussed. I do not know how much lecturing I shall do, and I am quite indifferent as to my relative position among those who speak from the platform, but I hope that no friends will be worried about any criticisms which may be laid against me. I expect to stand or fall in public estimation, according to my ideas, not according to my oratory. Very truly yours,

WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

## THESE ROBBERS WORE NO MASKS.

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After the caucuses had broken up Sessinghaus was in the lobby by Webster Davis of Kansas City, who appeared to be overjoyed on account of the result, and several other organizations, organized in informal coalition party.

Representative Reagan of St. Louis was particularly prominent in the caucus, no senator or member of the House, except Filly, was more spirited than the contest might have been had there been a possibility of election.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—The vote to nominate G. W. Filly, securing the nomination for Senator in the Republican caucus at Jefferson City came as a shock to Mr. Filly's Congressional colleagues. They are discussing the matter down town. Filly said that it disarranges all their party-planning plans. On the theory that De Ole Man, the Missouri man, who was to have been making war on the Kansan members who went to Canton. Now the situation is reversed and the anti-Filly men are on top.

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## SPAIN WILL GRANT REFORMS.

### DECREE TO BE PUBLISHED ON THE KING'S PETE DAY.

### REVOKED BY GOV. TANNER.

The Requisition for Buchanan, Which Had Been Honored by Gov. Aligeld.

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15.—Gov. Altgeld recently honored the requisition of the Governor of Tennessee for the extradition of J. S. Buchanan of Urbana, who was wanted in Tennessee on the charge of receiving deposits in a bank he was operating after he had left Urbana. His attorney, to-day appeared before Gov. Tanner, and convinced him that Buchanan was being protected by the law. Gov. Tanner accordingly ordered the regulation of Gov. Altgeld revoked, and Buchanan was given his liberty.

It Is Possible, Too, That Jose Sanguly, American, Will Be Granted a Pardon.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Madrid says: "The Queen Cabinet meeting held there, the Queen Regent presiding, it was decided to introduce a bill to pardon Jose Sanguly, who has been making war on the Kereka members who went to Canton. Now the situation is reversed and the anti-Filly men are on top."

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#### CANOVAS DENIES IT.

MADRID, Jan. 15.—Sanor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish Premier, in an interview declares that absolutely no negotiations are proceeding between Spain and the United States. He explained that he is ignorant of the source of the rumors, and only desired to say that they are completely unfounded.

#### Delaware Mistaken for Filibuster.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 15.—The Clyde steamship Delaware, which arrived in port from Boston, before daylight, was mistaken for a filibuster by the Bell Marine. The Delaware was overhauled, an officer from the Bell went on board, and then the error was discovered.

#### New York Assembly Resolutions.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Resolutions calling upon Congress to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents were introduced in the Assembly and made a special order for next Monday night.

#### MAJ. PRICE UNCONSCIOUS.

Milan, Mo., Set on Fire and Property to the Value of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars Destroyed.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

MILAN, Mo., Jan. 15.—This city was visited to-day by the most destructive and costly fire that ever occurred here. Almost the entire north side block was destroyed. The buildings were all two-story brick of modern type. The fire originated in the basement of Black Bros.' restaurant and was of incendiary origin. Following are the losses: W. B. Hughes, Opera-house and three store buildings, loss \$3,000; Mrs. S. Kelly, saloon, loss \$3,000, partially covered by insurance; A. A. Healy, phonograph, loss \$200; Mrs. E. H. Hartz, grocery, loss \$1,000, insurance \$600; P. S. Black, restaurant, loss \$1,000, insurance \$500; C. S. Jones, High meat market, loss \$500; C. S. Jones, grocery, loss \$100; W. E. Ash, store buildings, loss \$10,000, no insurance; Mrs. P. B. Hughes, damage \$1,000; Mrs. L. Andrews, grocery, loss \$100; F. O. Friend, jeweler, damage \$500; L. Andrews, Racket Store, damage \$500; L. L. Ringer, residence, damage \$1,000; Bell Music, residence, damage \$300; F. S. Moudy, organ, damage \$100; D. Devemont, exterior and interior, loss \$250; F. L. Hawermill, cigar factory, damage \$50.

#### SAYS IT'S A GOOD THING.

Chief Harrigan Will Welcome a Legislative Investigation.

A Young Kentucky Woman Drowns Herself and Babe.

OWENTON, Ky., Jan. 15.—Brooding over her shame, Jessie Browning, a young girl, jumped into the Kentucky river near Monterey, with her illegitimate child, this morning and both were drowned. The mother had the babies placed on a burning haystack, but it was a foolish doggerel suicide. The author of her ruin failed to keep a promise to marry her. The bodies were recovered.

#### ANOTHER UNFORTUNATE.

CHARLES STEVENS ACQUITTED.

He Was Charged at Chillicothe With a Brutal Murder.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Jan. 15.—Charles Stevens, charged with murdering William Ellis in October, 1895, was to-day found not guilty. Ellis had been shot in the head and his body placed on a burning haystack, where the charred remains were found. At the time Stevens' wife was also arrested, but never indicted.

#### Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Hecla, from Liverpool. Jan. 15.—Arrived: Liverpool, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Prussia, New York.

HAMBURG, Jan. 15.—Arrived: Caspian, Boston.

Department, and I do not, of course, know what have no fears regarding the investigation of the Police Department of St. Louis. I do not consider the Police Commission would do any good, any way, if we could do anything fully the working of the department, as I would also do.

The Police Department here for twenty-eight years. Not so as I have been Chief of Police here, but I have been again and again, and I should most cordially welcome it.

GOV. STEPHENS' SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

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THEY WERE AMATEUR ACTORS.

The Father of the Lady in the Case De-  
nies the Eloping  
Story.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 15.—The steamship Monowai brought news of a sensational elopement from Honolulu, as the result of which two homes have been made unhappy by the principal parties of the scandal aboard the steamer Copie, which sailed from Honolulu for San Francisco on New Year's Day. Charles Lillard Wilson and Mrs. W. W. Dimond both left Hawaii, probably never to return. Mrs. Dimond leaves behind her a husband, who is broken down by her unfaithfulness, and a little girl baby 4 years old.

On New Year's Day, 1895, just two years to the day of departure, Charles D. Wilson arrived in Honolulu from Seattle. He was accompanied by his bride, Miss Jessie French, whom he had married in Seattle the night before his coming to Hawaii. Wilson came here as a drummer in the Government band. He afterward obtained employment as a bookkeeper in Hebron's drug store. Both the man and his wife were familiar with theatricals, though they may never have been on the stage.

When the play "James" was suggested as a suitable name for an amateur production at the opening of the new opera-house, Mr. Dimond sought an introduction to Wilson and asked him to take part. To this he readily consented, and he agreed to play the character of William, who, in the play, makes love to Jane, the role assigned to Mrs. Dimond. The result of their love-making on the stage was not acting. It was real. And the stronger his love grew for Mrs. Dimond the more he neglected his wife.

The more he was talked with regarding his abuse of his wife, the more he manifested his desire to leave. On one occasion when his wife nearly died of death and she was in the hands of a doctor for some days afterwards, Wilson left the city temporarily. When the Frasley company left for San Francisco Mrs. Wilson was a passenger on the same steamer and it is the opinion of her friends that she will not return.

When his wife had gone he doctored himself with whisky, and he denied her so assiduously to Mrs. Dimond that her husband's suspicions were aroused and these were confirmed subsequently a separation was effected and the guilty pair left the island.

Mrs. W. W. Dimond is the wife of the son of Mr. W. Dimond, the wife of Mr. Dimond and grandson of the late John Thomas Waterhouse of Honolulu and Cedar Rapids, Ia.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Jan. 15, Maj. M. A. Higley of Chillicothe, brother of Mrs. W. W. Dimond, when shown a dispatch concerning her alleged elopement from Honolulu, denied the story. He says his daughter has been in touch with him, and came to San Francisco to recover from the effects of abuse heaped upon her by her husband. Dimond has brought suit for divorce at Monroe, to which she has made no counter-charges. She leaves to-day on the steamer Copie for Honolulu, and will return to the United States as soon as she learned only on her arrival at San Francisco of the scandalous charges which she claimed were instigated by her husband, who indignantly denies the elopement.

## A KING'S LETTERS.

The Princess de Chimay's Correspondence Seized by the Authorities of Buda Pesth.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Brussels says the Princess de Chimay had an unpleasant experience at Buda Pesth. The police, it appears, were informed that the Princess was a spy of Russia and consequently raided her apartments and seized a package of documents. The Princess attempted to wrest the papers from the officer's hands threatening him with a revolver. On opening the package it was found, instead of compromising Russian correspondence, to contain a series of letters from a crowned head, which the police propose to hand over to the Buda Pesth Consul of the sovereign concerned.

The Princess, it is further stated, threatens to take legal proceedings in order to recover the documents.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—A telegram to a New York paper from London says:

The correspondent sent to Buda Pesth writes that it is his judgment, after nearly a fortnight of daily interviews, luncheons and dinners with the Princess de Chimay and her gay lover, that both are already very much in love of their elopement. But the gypsy wants to make one more play out of it as possible before the inevitable parting. The correspondent was with them at St. Stephen's Green returning to his post in Berlin, and reports that the pair quarreled constantly.

The correspondent of the Folies Bergere of Paris and the manager of the Winter Garden of Berlin," he writes, "have arrived here and have had interviews with the Princess, who has given some propositions relating to engagements to some of those places. They dined with the Princess, but she declined their offer for the present. Her brother, Edouard Ward, who is staying in Cannes, is expected here, and the Princess telegraphed for him.

"If Prince Chimay had been well advised, he would have asked to have his wife examined by experts here. There is no doubt that if this had been done she would have been placed in an asylum."

### Pause and Consider.

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### CHANGED HER NAME.

Dr. Louisa Eastham Becomes Dr. Fred Blattner at Clayton.

Dr. Louisa Eastham of 321 Henrietta street has become Dr. Frederick Blattner. The transformation was effected Thursday afternoon by Probate Judge Wolf at Clayton. Mrs. Dr. Blattner is a graduate of the American Medical College. Her husband, a man of means, of 176 Dolman street, they have fitted up a new home and office out on the Morgan Ford road.

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## THE "MACHINE" QUITTS MADDEN.

LORIMER SUCCEEDS TO ITS DOUBTFUL FAVERS.

MADDEN "PLAYS FOR EVEN."

Throws His Strength to Mason and Log-Rolling Will Go on Till Monday Night's Caucus.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15.—In this the political center of Illinois was fought yesterday one of the most interesting and exciting political battles ever known in the history of the State. Alderman Martin B. Madden of Chicago and his forces were vanquished. It was a battle for the lotus root of the Illinois State Government.

Mr. Madden has been in the field for months planning, marching and counter-marching his forces, holding councils of war with some of the shrewdest political leaders of the State and for a time, up to the last few days at least, it looked as though he might be the victor. Last evening, however, his forces became demoralized and he gave up the fight.

About 5 o'clock the leaders of the political organization known as the Cook County machine, assembled at its headquarters in the Leland Hotel and sent for Mr. Madden. They informed him that they were no longer able to control the forces in his behalf and that he would have to leave the State. As the Cook County machine is active, but are not talking a great deal, though the withdrawal of Madden has given Cook great hopes.

Devin, who has eagerly awaited regarding the candidacy of Hon. Wm. J. Calhoun of Danville, who turned the tide to McKinley at the Illinois State Convention preceding the Presidential election.

The friends of McKinley, it is to be noted, did not mix in the Senatorial fight. They know well that Madden will not mix in the Senatorial fight. They know well that McKinley is working together; McKinley and the machine, and that the machine will not mix in the Senatorial fight.

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## OFFICER LYNAM'S PUNISHMENT.

The dismissal of Officer Lynam from the city police was demanded by public sentiment. His failure, as the officer in charge of the Black Maria, to prevent the outrage recently perpetrated would have justified his immediate removal.

His punishment was needed to prevent the demoralization of the force which would have followed the condoning of his culpable negligence. Moreover, it was necessary to put a stop to the favoritism which sought by transferring him to another post to shield him from the just consequences of his conduct. This favoritism in the force and in and around the Four Courts must cease. The people will not tolerate it.

The action of the Police Board in the Lynam case should be fruitful of good results in many directions. One result of it should and doubtless will be that the man in charge of the Black Maria will hereafter be able to see and hear what is going on inside. We venture the assertion that in future the officer detailed to that duty will take care to discharge it in the way decency, order and discipline demand.

The wider results of the Board's action will be a higher sense of duty among all the officers of the force and less inclination to neglect that duty.

## THE ILLINOIS SNARL.

It would be difficult to see how, if the election of "Billy" Lorimer were possible, his elevation to the United States Senate would be more pleasing to the reformers than that of Madden would have been. Lorimer was in the machine before Madden. He was a "spokesman" before Madden. He was deep in the mud of Chicago municipal corruption before Madden had broken through its crust. Yet the machine, which claims to have "thrown" Madden, has taken up Lorimer.

This is a queer situation. Gov. Tanner has announced that Lorimer is not obnoxious to him and at the same time states that under no circumstances will he take the Senatorship himself. Madden, to whom Lorimer has been a devoted friend through evil and good report, declares himself for Mason, the chosen candidate of all the elements which have fought Madden most persistently and vindictively. A queer alignment was never seen on any political battle field.

In such a case, so near the issue, prophecy is worse than useless. Only this much of a forecast is safe—the unexpected will happen.

## POPULISTS IN POLITICS.

Such of the Populists calling themselves leaders as are to be found in the market place every market day are now declaring that silver remonetization is a dead issue. They argue that the ground must be cleared for future action and that, among the other debris, the silver question must go.

The country has had a recent measure of the influence of those men who constitute the influence behind the scenes less and obstructive candidacy of Mr. Tom Watson. They are leaders without followers; men without a party. They failed to exercise any appreciable influence over the judgment or actions of the men of the Populist party, who gave the finest exhibition of patriotism and independent thought on high lines the country has seen in many years. The Populist leaders, so-called, were never favorable to

the endorsement of the Chicago ticket. That endorsement was forced by the rank and file. And the rank and file held to the support of Bryan against all the influences that attempted to mislead them.

Perhaps Mark Hanna has more money with which to buy men who claim to control the Populist party. If so he has more money than political sense. If there is a party in our politics, the thinking to which it is committed, and the policy of which is controlled by them, is the Populist party. And the dominant influences in that party know that the Chicago platform embodied every political reform possible to be reached within a generation.

## THE TWO REPORTS.

The minority of the investigating committee appointed to examine the charges made against members of the Democratic City Central Committee did exactly right in reporting the facts they discovered and the conclusions they reached. Instead of being blamed for "washing dirty linen in public" they are deserving of praise for the courage they displayed in performing a disagreeable duty. They would have been justified in placing before the public a complete summary of all the evidence of incompetence and corruption secured by them. They were appointed to investigate, not to whitewash.

Chairman Cool is mistaken when he says that the committee was appointed simply to devise a remedy for the present disorganization of the party in St. Louis. The origin of the committee was the demand of Chairman Brady for vindication.

He asked the State Committee to appoint a committee to investigate statements that had been made regarding him in the newspapers. Under these circumstances, it would have been absurd for the committee to ignore the facts elicited regarding Chairman Brady and other members of the committee.

As regards the plan of reorganization, however, the recommendations contained in the majority report are far better than those which the minority offer. Experience everywhere has shown that there can be no really effective party organization unless the party captains are brought very close to the individual voter. The organization unit must be small that each individual component can be reached in brief time and without trouble by the local manager to whom the work is assigned. For this reason, the Precinct must be substituted for the Ward as the basis of party organization in St. Louis, or there is no use in taking another step in a plan that will be predestined to failure.

The wretched Texas who has sixteen undivorced wives and nineteen children for whom he is not providing should be turned over to a parliament of new women with power to decide what shall be done with him.

A legislative committee has come to the conclusion that Missouri foot-ball players are sufficiently punished in the course of the game and that further suffering would be excessive.

Being a monarch, Oscar of Sweden as an arbiter is objected to by Americans.

Possibly a United States Senator might be induced to arbitrate alternately with the royal Oscar.

Isn't it a bad thing for Illinois that Alderman Madden is left out in the cold.

Making a United States Senator of the Chicago Alderman should never be attempted again.

A number of statesmen may be in Mr. McKinley's way in 1900, and if he could stow them away in the Cabinet the nomination expense might be considerably reduced.

There has been no good reason for Mr. McKinley's worry about a Cabinet. The present Cabinet is sufficiently Republican for service in the new administration.

When Kansas is feeding the destitute and wealthy East, it is in poor taste for gold standard organs to criticize Gov. Leedy's defense of his State.

The New Hampshire Legislature is short of lawyers and the Granite State people now expect to get some laws without blow-holes.

The Pacific railroads are very valuable property. It was well worth the while of the plunderers of the Government to try to hold them.

The Kohlhaus mortgage on the new President has just been foreclosed. How soon will the other mortgages take what they call for?

The so-called "monetary conference" has endorsed the gold standard, but nobody is endorsing the "monetary conference."

Commissioner Randall is taking a good deal of interest in politics. He evidently thinks the colored janitor a good risk.

The monsters of the great deep are not half so terrible as are the typhoid fever microbes in the lake water at Chicago.

Now that the Rothschilds have raised the value of gold in America they are buying the richest of our gold mines.

Mr. Filly's great hat has not only been knocked off, but it is bowing about in the mud of Jefferson City.

For these reasons, among others equally cogent, the plan submitted by the majority of the investigating committee is far preferable to that offered by the minority. With a few modifications it affords the basis for such a reorganization of the Democratic party in St. Louis as the State Committee will insist upon if it is the case.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

The Post-Dispatch has several times expressed the belief that the end of tribal government in the Indian Territory is near at hand.

The legislation and executive work leading up to this result have covered a period of several years. They might have to do with the appointment of the trolley demand for west car horses has dropped off to such an extent that the Chicago people who can bear for the Cuban army are able to give very low figures.

Capturing the Field.

From the Elsberry (Mo.) News.

C. M. Wrixon of Dameron called yesterday and subscribed for the daily Post-Dispatch. The Post-Dispatch is rapidly capturing the field in this section.

## ALONG WITH HER.

Food for the Patriots.

From the Washington Post.

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From the Nashville American.

Why, yes, it's old and childish that I wish You'd send me back when I at last am dead;

But I'd rest much better 'neath the aw of some plain rose bush planted at my head;

I'd be remembered by my friends a while,

Who'd come there from the distant village sit;

And then she'd smile to know, if spirits

For nearly fifty years through the long days;

We went together, hand-in-hand, you know;

Saw the sun rise in its triumphant blaze;

Saw the sun set in its resplendent glow.

Let me rest, when this spent form is dead;

Where birds fly by with half-pastel whir;

Sleeping, with some old rose bush at my head;

Walking at last along with her.

WILL T. HALE.

## IAN BALLOT IS VINDICATED.

Of course the investigation could not reach any bribery or intimidation that may have preceded the election.

Senator Hoyt is an astonishing old man.

He thinks the U. S. State would be benefited

## IF THE PUBLIC EYE.

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From the London Spectator.

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## IF THEY CAN BOSS THE JOB.

ST. TERESA'S WILL CONSENT TO STAY IN THE LEAGUE.

### TWO SIDES OF THE SITUATION.

There May Be a Meeting of Interest at Sportsman's Park Next Sunday Afternoon.

There are too many cooks stirring the broth in the Association Football League and as a result contradictions are occurring which make the situation somewhat unsatisfactory.

It has been announced upon the authority of the managers of two of the clubs that a meeting of the league was to be held tonight at the St. Louis Cycling Club-house, on Chestnut street.

President O'Callaghan announces positively that no such meeting has been authorized by him and that the secretary has not been present at any of the meetings.

The "Wizard" Is Coming.

"Wizard" Jacob Schaefer and William A. Sparks, champion of California, have been engaged to give billiard exhibitions at the Grand hotel Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

They will cross cues in ball-line, cushion carom and straight rail billiards, and will also give a series of lectures on the art of difficult fancy shots, which it is said, no other experts are able to duplicate.

This is the first official notice for next Sunday's meeting.

John Engan, alp steward, and Ben O'Keefe, Sr., field steward.

There were not enough young dogs represented at last night's drawing to fill the puppy stakes, and its entry will be arranged for next Sunday.

There will be a meeting of the Tax Payers' League also in the Triple Alliance if Noonan and Ziegelnhein are Party Nominees.

The National Democratic Club of St. Louis expects to have a candidate for the Mayoralty in the spring.

Under certain conditions its candidate is to be the candidate of the Civic Federation and receive the endorsement of the Tax Payers' League.

This triple alliance is expected to carry everything before it, according to members of the goliath organization, who state that nominations have been made to them by members of the Civic Federation and the Tax Payers' League with a view to combining on one candidate.

The goliath will within two weeks organize a City Central Committee.

After that they will nominate a Mayoralty candidate and look to the Civic Federation to support him.

Members of the proposed City Central Committee are to be elected at mass-meetings held in as many wards as can furnish the requisite attendance at the meetings.

According to a leading member of the club, the new committee will constitute the City Central Committee and will be known to be merely for the purpose of giving the selections the semblance of endorsement by the Civic Federation.

Among those mentioned for the nomination are R. Graham Frost and Alex N. De Menil.

According to Mr. De Menil's best friends, he feels assured that he is the nominee and will accept, although fearful that it will be an honorary position.

The Tax Payers' League have approached the once famous and powerful tribe of Montauk Indians, by their Chief and King, Wyandank Pharaoh, have asked leave of County Judge Benj. F. Reeves to bring an action against the Long Island Railroad for the recovery of Montauk Point.

The suit involves the title to the peninsula.

Montauk Point is about 5,000 acres of land, and is now worth perhaps \$500,000.

The summons and complaint, drawn up by New York lawyers, were filed yesterday.

The action taken, no matter what the circumstances might be, the next appeal will probably be made to the Examining Board, which can do what the father asks if it will.

Judge Reeves, however, intimated that he would probably give permission for the action to proceed.

The plaintiffs are direct descendants of the once famous and powerful tribe of Montauk Indians. This claimant, who is convinced that Ziegelnhein was to be the Republican and ex-Mayor Noonan the Democrat, feels assured that he is the nominee and will accept, although fearful that it will be an honorary position.

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## THE MINORITY MADE TROUBLE

THEIR REPORT WAS NOT WHAT WAS WANTED.

### BRADY IS WILD WITH RAGE.

Gossip That Chairman Cook and Maj. Salmon Mistook Blevins and Stanley for Plastic Countrymen.

Local Democratic politics is a bubbling sea of contention. The two reports of the investigating committee, which investigated the Democratic City Central Committee, have precipitated the trouble, and now number of petty factions are assembling to see who can gain the most distinction. There are also fighting to win points in any new organization scheme that may be adopted.

Both the majority and minority reports of the investigating committee agree upon several points in common. They are that the present Democratic City Committee is inefficient, incompetent, does not have the confidence of the party, and that the system under which it was organized is now so obsolete that it fails to meet the requirements of party affairs of the present day.

The recommendations for organization of the party, beginning with the first report, have thrown the local ward bosses into a fury of excitement. They know that the time has come when some sort of a new party will be organized from them by the State Democratic Committee. The local bosses see the handwriting on the wall, and the majority report, they say, backs up the State Committee in its desire to thoroughly reorganize the party in St. Louis. They said, with certainty, that the Democratic party in St. Louis will be placed on an entirely new basis before the convention.

The Democratic State Committee, according to Chairman Cook, will push through a reorganization plan as quickly as possible.

He said the minority report is important that it will receive mature thought. The State Committee will meet at the Planters' on Jan. 20, and will invite a large number of practical politicians to appear and give their views as to the best plan of reorganization.

The committee seems to be glad that the sub-committee of the State Committee received the two reports of the investigating committee, and the minority report.

At the Frank Ryan was yesterday acknowledged to be the author of the majority report of the investigating committee.

Mr. Edwin Harrison, of the State Committee, who signed it with him, were looked upon as Ryan's converts. The majority report, he said, was the best, and the local bosses, for the reason that it did not make an exposé on anybody personally.

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Attorney John A. Blevins, Secretary of the Investigating Committee, is credited with writing the minority report. He is the friend of all local bosses who are friends of the Bradys. They say Mr. Blevins only recently came from the South, and Mr. McClure, who signed it with him, were looked upon as Ryan's converts. The majority report, he said, was the best, and the local bosses, for the reason that it did not make an exposé on anybody personally.

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The Bradys gang point to the minority report to prove that O'Brien's fine Italian hand is still running through it.

The Bradys only commented on the sensation of Thursday. It not only recommended a precise plan of reorganization of the party, but also offered plans for Senator Seader of S. D., and Col. Ed Butler to show that Hugh J. Brady, Chairman of Democratic City Central Committee, had accepted \$1,000 for campaign purposes, but had shown it down in his own pocket and had not distributed a copper among his fellow members.

Mr. Brady's own testimony before the committee indicated that he did all this made the Bradys gang wild with rage.

An amusing piece of gossip is about the complexion of the Committee of Investigation. It is said that Col. Ed Butler, of the State Committee, and Maj. Harvey W. Salmon, Chairman of the Executive Committee, are the only men to serve who would make a complexion report. That is, they wanted conditions dealt with, and recommendations for party reorganization made, but nothing personal charged against the Brady personally.

Cook and Salmon, it is said, expressed the belief that Mr. Blevins and Mr. A. A. Stanley, having been free from the Bradys recently, were not under any obligations to city officials, and would, therefore, make a precise plan of reorganization along the lines desired. Now it appears that very men broke over the traces completely and are working on making a minority report that was personal against the Bradys.

The two reports have stirred up local politics, and a few hours ago all local bosses will flock to the meeting of the State Committee next Thursday, to present various plans of reorganization.

### CHAIRMAN COOK TALKS.

The State Committee May Not Act on Either Report.

The State Democratic Committee may not adopt the majority report of the local committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the Democratic City Central Committee of St. Louis," said Chairman Sam B. Cook of the State Committee.

"In fact, the State Committee does not necessarily have to adopt any report that is submitted to it, but it can be submitted to the State Committee, and the State Committee can then decide what to do with it."

Chairman Brady said he had to take the lead in the two reports of the investigating committee. He said he would hold his present position as Chairman and wait to see what would be done.

### A CARD FROM EDWIN HARRISON.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch. An article in yesterday's Republic, which criticizes the two reports of the investigating committee's majority, contains so many errors that it seems to justify some notice. The writer makes no mention of the difficulties incident to obtaining impossible and correct information through the medium of the meeting referred to, when members of the committee were periodically going to or passing through the door and party to see what would be done.

It would require a stretch of the imagination to call a few moments' earnest discussion to justify the errors in the campaign in this city. I want to say that there was not a lack of organization, but a lack of votes that continued Mr. Brady.

"The personnel of the Democratic City Committee is not objectionable. A large number of the committee are good men in their own property. They are not seeking office, and they do their work on the committee simply for the good of the party. The members of the Democratic City Committee will stand the test alongside of that of the Republican City Committee, if called upon."

"Right in line with the talk about the personnel of the Democratic City Committee, I want to say to the reporter that the Bradys are not the ones that are responsible for the Bradys personally."

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As Chairman of the State Committee, I desire to let you know that we have no bridge to the powers, or to infringe upon the rights of the Democratic City Committee," continued Mr. Cook. "So far as can be judged, there seems to be no doubt that the vast majority of the Democrats of the State and the city of St. Louis entertain the desired opinion that the Bradys need of a thorough reorganization of the party in this city. The State Committee, especially those of us who are not members of the investigating committee's majority, desire to appear in the attitude of dilating to the Democracy of St. Louis. Therefore the majority of the State Committee next Thursday will be thrown open to a number of practical politicians, who will be invited to submit their respective plans for a reorganization of the party. The State Committee will hear the views of the leaders of the St. Louis Democracy, and any party that will be successful in action that will give entire satisfaction to those who hold party success above every personal consideration."

As to the majority a minority report

of the investigating committee, Mr. Cook gave out the impression that he did not approve of the outspoken criticisms against him in the minority report. He did not think it was the minority report. He did not do not approve of a personal attack on any man by the investigating committee, he said. "The investigating committee is appointed to consider conditions and theories, not men. It was sufficient to show that the theory was correct, and that was all. Now the State Committee will consider both conditions and theories and then try to draw some plan of reorganization that is generally considered to be best for the party."

### ED BUTLER'S WRATH.

The Boss Denounces the Majority Report as a Whitewash.

"A man who shields a petty 'grafter' is himself worse than the 'grafter,'" said Col. Ed Butler, the political boss, to Attorney Frank K. Ryan before a crowd of twenty politicians at the rotunda of the City Hall.

Col. Butler was conspicuous among the city politicians that flocked to the Planters' Thursday evening to hear the report of the investigating committee. He wore his cap, with a visor, pulled well down over his forehead, and in the shadow his steel teeth were visible. The man who had been investigating the Democratic City Committee had turned in two reports and for the moment had nothing to say.

He had presented testimony before that committee to show that Hugh Brady had accepted from him \$1,000 and agreed to do the smearing, continued Col. Butler.

"After the smearing, with the express understanding that the money was to be divided pro rata among the members of the investigating committee, Col. Butler had failed to give the other committee a cent. The majority report of the investigating committee, Col. Butler, a personal enemy, and Frank K. Ryan, was the chief instigator of that report."

Col. Butler seemed to be loaded with hot shot in his further remarks.

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BAKER—Reliable and sober bread and cake baker wishes a position; city or country. Ad. F. Ruth, 1206 N. 14th st.

COLLECTOR—Young man aged 25 would like a position as collector or to take orders; reference. Ad. B 280, this office.

FIREMAN—Wanted, situation as fireman for building; 10 years' experience. H. Tibble, 1625 Bidle st.

COLLECTOR—Wanted, position by young married man as collector; best city references; bond required. Ad. A 270, this office.

DRUG CLERK—Wanted, situation by registered assistant pharmacist; best city references. Ad. A 270, this office.

DENTIST—Wanted, position in good all-around dentist; 10 years' experience; will work reasonable. Ad. A 270, this office.

DRUGGIST—Wanted, situation by competent registered druggist; unmarried; ten years' experience; gill-edge refs.; own calligraph. Ad. D 271, this office.

HAYWARD'S SHORT—Hand and Business College, 219, 220, 221 and 222 Old Fellow Building, Day and night. Phone 4118.

## HELP WANTED—MALE.

14 words or less. 10c.

MEN WANTED—To learn barber trade; only two months required; good opportunities available. Locations furnished our graduates. Call or write for our new 1897 catalogues. Moyer's Barber College, 821 N. 11th st.

COOK WANTED—10 men on Tower Grove av. and 11th st., 8 o'clock in the morning. James Carroll, 1222 Franklin st.

SADDLER WANTED—Riding saddle hand for general work, principally on stock saddles. Address Dodson Fisher, Brockman Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

SHOEMAKERS WANTED—Experienced leather and soap lather on ladies' turn shoes. Hufnagel Shoe Co., 2016 Locust st.

THE GREAT RAPHAEL—How to get work; gives link; fee, 50c. 2228 Olive st.

PAINTER WANTED—First-class painter and glazier; only those with good reference wanted. Building, 4017 Fountain av.

YOUR writing—handmade box-cut. Good rate. Add. 1800, 18th and 1st st., extra. Extremly good. Harris, \$4 shoe man, 320 Pine.

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STOVE REPAIRS—Castings and repairs for stoves and ranges of every description. A. G. Brauer, 219 Locust st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

20 words or less. 5c.

BOOK-KEEPER—Wanted, by young lady, position as book-keeper; good references; salary reasonable. Ad. D 271, this office.

CASHIER—Wanted, situation by a young lady of good address, position as cashier or office girl for general housework. Swede or German preferred. Ad. M 270, this office.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—Neat, strong colored girl for general housework; small family. Apply at 4001 Olive st.

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED—To do general housework. Apply 3322 Lindell av.

HOUSEGIRL WANTED—A girl for general housework; \$10 with washing, or small wages without washing; small family. Call to-day, 2910 Henley or to-morrow at 3311 Eads av.

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PINE ST.—2228—Large front room, suitable for two or four gentlemen.

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# CLOTHING PRICES STRIKE BOTTOM!

**Men's Overcoats and Ulsters,**  
Made of good all-wool materials, lined warmly, that we have been selling at \$5.00; **\$2.45**

**Men's Overcoats and Ulsters,**  
Of superior quality Chinchilla, Kersey, Beaver and other fashionable fabrics, well cut, strongly made, splendidly lined, that have been selling at \$8.00; in this great sale at **\$5.00**

**Men's Overcoats and Ulsters,**  
Of extra quality Beaver, Chinchilla, gray and Irish Rabbit, and best models by most skilled tailors made in a highly superior manner, some with velvet collars, some with deep storm collars, not one in the lot worth less than \$10.00 and many of them worth \$12.00 each; in this great sale at **\$7.50**

**Men's Overcoats and Ulsters,**  
Of the very finest materials now in vogue, magnificently cut, elegantly tailored, trimmed and finished in the best tailors' best manner, with deep storm collars and velvet collars, that will both any tailor to produce under \$25.00, which we have sold recently at \$15.00, \$18.00 and \$20.00; will be cleared out in this staggering sale at **\$9.50**

**Odd Coats and Vests for Men.**  
Here's the Opportunity of the Whole Year.  
All the Coats and Vests that have accumulated from the whole season's selling, the coats and vests belonging to the men who have been buying at \$10.00 and \$12.00 each; go now for **\$3.50**

**Men's Suits,**  
Of splendid, slightly all-wool fabrics, Cassimeres, tweeds, etc., equal to any suit in St. Louis to-day—trimmings and tailoring "out of sight"—the suits that we have been selling at \$12 and **\$7.50** each; go in this sale at **\$4.90**

**Men's All-Wool Suits,**  
Of the most fashionable fabrics now in vogue, in single and double-breasted sack styles—cut to fit—properly made—equal to any ever worn—suits that we have been selling at \$12 and **\$7.50** each; go in this sale at **\$4.90**

**Men's All-Wool Suits,**  
Of extra fine improved fabrics, including the nubby Cheviot, Cassimere, Davenport, Plain and Fancy Worsted, etc.—equal to any suit in St. Louis to-day—trimmings and tailoring "out of sight"—the suits that we have been selling at \$10 and **\$9.90** each; go in this sale at **\$4.90**

But the greatest of all the Men's Suits—the greatest values—the greatest example of "The Fair's" generosity and broad-gauge price-cut is in the line of suits first mentioned, for there is nowhere on earth, nor under the earth, another suit to be had for the asking, except where such suits are obtainable, for the absolutely trifling sum of **\$4.90**

**Men's Pants Everlastingly Slashed.**  
All our Men's Splendid Pantaloons that have been \$1.00 right along, in this great sale at **.75c**

All our Men's Wool Pants—neat fitting and strong—several that have been \$2.00 a pair right along, will be cleared out at **.95c**

All our Men's Finer All-Wool Pants—stylishly cut and equal to every requirement of business—that have been selling at \$3.00 right along, since now to **.95c**

All our Men's High Class Pants, made of splendid imported fabrics—cut in style and trimmed in the most sumptuous ways—pants that were considered the greatest bargains in town at \$4.00 and \$5.00 a pair, will be put out in this great upheaval at **\$2.95**

**Out Go the Men's Furnishings.**

All our Men's Camel's Hair Undershirts and Drawers, worth \$1.00 per garment; for this Saturday's Sale at **.33c**

All our Men's All-Wool Camel's Hair Undershirts and Drawers, worth \$1.00 per garment; in this Saturday's Sale at **.50c**

All our Men's Fine Australian Wool Undershirts and Drawers, regularly \$1.50 per garment; will be hustled off Saturday at **.68c**

All our Men's Fine Quality All-Wool French Ribbed Undershirts and Drawers, worth regularly \$1.50 per garment; Saturday at **.98c**

All our Men's Fine Quality All-Wool French Ribbed Undershirts and Drawers, worth regularly \$1.50 per garment; Saturday at **.85c**

**A Desperate Attempt to Sell Off the Winter Weights.**

**May Weather in Midwinter Has Played the Very Mischief.**

**The Strain is Intense and Something's Got to Give!**

**That Something Will Be Prices, and the Crash Will Be Startling!**

**Men's Overcoats and Ulsters for a Fraction of Former Value!**

**Men's Suits Going for Less Than Cost of the Cloth!**

**Boys' Overcoats and Ulsters Cut Squarely in Two.**

**Boys' and Children's Suits Hammered and Slashed Beyond Recognition.**

**Hats and Furnishing Goods Smashed in Keeping with the Rest.**

**Sale Begins Promptly at 8 Saturday Morning.**

**Every Wise Man will be on Hand With His Money Ready.**



## EXPECTED CUT IN GRAIN RATES.

SHIPPERS FIGURE ON A 2 TO 5 CENTS DROP.

NOW BEING DONE ON THE QUIET.  
Railroads Will Yield to the Agitation  
and the Fear of Adverse Legislation.

The expected cut in grain rates continues to be the principal topic for discussion on "Change." Interest in the subject is not confined to local grain men. Many of the commission men are receiving letters from their shippers in the West asking about the proposed reduction and when it will go into effect.

All sorts of rumors are afloat, but it is difficult to get any authoritative information on the subject, as those who are in a position to know the facts act as though they are being benefited by the quiet cutting which has been going on, and of course refuse to say anything which would be detrimental to their own interests. Not only this, but they are afraid of being brought up before the Interstate Commerce Commission and made to testify against the railroads.

These rumors place the proposed cut in rates all the way from 2 to 6 cents.

No general in the belief in the West that a cut in rates is imminent that the receipts of corn at St. Louis have suddenly fallen of one-half. Receipts of wheat and oats are also growing smaller.

A prominent railroad man, who would not

allow his name to be used, when asked about the situation said: "The agitation by the grain men of the quiet of the discrimination in favor of Galveston and New Orleans are the taking up of the fight at the Post-Dispatch, and the people to such an extent that the railroads have become alarmed and are afraid of what may happen if the Interstate Commerce Commission at the present session.

"They are also afraid that the investigation which is now going on may turn up some new fact or some new evidence which will be disclosed before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"They are also afraid that the railroads will attract attention away from the Gulf port discriminations, and will undoubtedly make temporary reductions in the rates which will be followed by the railroads, and put a stop to the present agitation.

"In order to do this a heavy cut will be necessary, probably a reduction of 4 or 5 cents per hundred."

A well known grain man said: "I know that cutting has only begun on the quiet, but in the eastern and western ports, but as yet it is being enjoyed only by a favored few. I know this because a prominent elevator operator in the West, who was once begin to push their grain and flour business by way of the Erie Canal, has now come to the conclusion that it is better to let the roads to cut rates to reduce business, and a merry war is looked for."

One of the foremost men in the grain trade, according to the Post-Dispatch, is Galveston, and in speaking of the discrimination in favor of St. Louis, in speaking of the question said:

"Yes, I believe that a general rate war is imminent, and the result of such an expression, things are beginning to come our way." Rates are being cut on the quiet, and it will not be long until an open fight will be made.

"I think that this will only last a short time and eventually we will have to look to the improvement of the Mississippi River.

for the solution of the grain rate question, if a proper channel was maintained, the stimulation of a market of 200,000,000 bushels would be more profitable than a 5-cent rate is now, and it would be possible to haul corn even 3 cents at a profit if the market could be developed so that the grain and St. Louis would control the grain trade of the country.

The Chicago Drainage Canal will be a great advantage, as it is estimated that it will increase the depth of the river at low water to 12 feet, and this will greatly benefit navigation.

The agitation of the rate question is becoming intense, and St. Louis' lines will have to meet the cuts which are being made by other roads. The Chicago Inter Ocean says:

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## LUMBER TRADE OUTLOOK.

Big Increase in Volume of Business Expected During 1897.

The Lumbermen's Exchange has completed its report for the year 1896. While there was a fall in the volume of lumber as compared with the preceding year, dealers are encouraged. Steps have already been taken to increase interests, and new concerns are constantly coming into the field.

Shipments by rail in this market were

56,773 cars, as against 58,621 cars in 1895, showing a loss of 1,848 cars.

The river brought 30,097,295 feet

in the past twelve months, while from the same source 97,764,812 feet came in during 1896.

Taking 12,000 feet as an average car of lumber, the total value of lumber shipped in 1896 was \$8,151,400

feet, a loss for 1896 of \$2,106,496 feet.

The shipments by rail for the two years were 12,617 cars in 1896 and 32,907 cars in 1895, while in the river in 1896, 356,042 feet in 1895, 397,832

feet in 1896.

Receipts and shipments for the year 1896 were 1,000,000,000 feet, and in 1895, 384,866 feet, showing a loss in the local consumption of 29,296,495 feet.

The amount of lumber measured by the Western roads, and amounts to 1/2 cent of the value of lumber, have been reduced.

The inspection of lumber by the inspectors of the Exchange was 31,481,012 feet, which is 1,368,727 feet less than that measured during 1896.

The timber market was unusually poor.

It is not the worst on record for late in 1894 but 45,761 cars of lumber were received

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